



## *The View from YQT*



Not many of us will get to make the trip up Mt. Baldy to the site of LARC's VE3YQT repeater. Here is a spectacular night view from the transmitter site taken by Dave Ross VE3WRZ. The red sky is light reflection from low cloud cover.

## *The View from TBR*



And here is the view from the top of St. Joseph's Heritage building, the site of repeater VE3TBR, taken by Judy VA3EAP. More photos can be seen on the club's website at <http://WWW.LARCUB.NET>

## *The Prez Sez*

Well not a lot to sez this month. Having said that check out the new legislation pending on operation of radio's (aka cell phones) in a vehicle, in the RAC Directors notes. I am hoping the LARC can send a letter expressing our concerns.

I know many of us have radios HF, VHF and UHF that are capable of scanning wide frequency ranges. I was hoping we could initiate a column in Hi Q that would list some of the HF/VHF/UHF frequencies that would merit listening to on a regular basis. Is there anyone who would like to edit that column on a regular basis? I am not asking you to generate the column but just edit what you receive and hand it over to Ed. I know there are a lot of Amateur SWL's out there that have some hot frequencies. Maybe this could even morph into a web page on the LARC Web Page.

**The next meeting of the LARC will be held on Thursday, April 10 in the McIntyre Building, Confederation College at 730 PM hope to see you there.**

73  
Bill VE3XT

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**ABOUT US**

The :Lakehead Amateur Radio Club (LARC) is an incorporated not for profit group of amateur radio operators in the Thunder Bay area that meet for self education, community service and fellowship. Our meetings are the second Thursday of the month at room 191 McIntyre Building, Confederation College, 7:30 PM. Our postal address is 1100C Memorial Ave. Suite 184, Thunder Bay, Ontario P7B 4A3. This newsletter is published monthly except for July and August by Ed Baumann VE3SNW and questions and submissions may be emailed to [ve3snw@shaw.ca](mailto:ve3snw@shaw.ca)

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**LARC Treasurer's Report**

Balance on Hand - March 5/08      \$5,960.00

**Income**

Donation - Conquer the Dog      \$250.00

Bank Interest      \$0.04

Total Income      \$250.04

**Expenses**

Thunder Bay Telephone      \$47.61

Bank Service Charges      \$1.00

Total Expenses      \$48.61

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**LARC OPEN ACCESS REPEATERS**

VE3YQT(Mount Baldy)147.060 (-600) Phone Patch

VE3TBR (St. Joseph's) 145.490 (-600) (100.0 Hz)

442.075 (+5 MHz)

144.390 APRS

VE3BGA (Hillcrest H.S.) 145.450 (-600) (IRLP Node VA3LU 123.0 Hz)

442.825 (+5 MHz) (100.0 Hz)

VE3UPP Upsala 145.470 (-600)

RAC North East Regional Directors  
Report - March 2008 by Bill VE3XTMinutes of the LARC Meeting of March  
13, 2008

The monthly meeting of the Regional Directors was held on March 25 starting at 2330Z.

There is an issue that has come up that should concern all Ontario Amateur Radio Operators. MPP John O'Toole, Durham recently introduced a Private Members Bill to forbid operation of all radio devices (cell phones, fax machines, etc.) in a vehicle. While Amateur Radio is not mentioned, *it is not exempted*. I **strongly** suggest you send a letter to Mr. O'Toole, your local MPP's and the Minister of Transportation expressing your concern. As of today (April 3, 2008) both I and RAC President Goodwin have sent letters to Mr. O'Toole, and other Ontario Politicians. If you would like a template from either me or President Goodwin please email me at [ve3xt@raqc.ca](mailto:ve3xt@raqc.ca). If you choose not to send a letter yourself, please ask your local ARES Reps and Club Secretary to send a letter on behalf of your local ARES/Amateur Radio Club. If we are forbidden to operate mobile, it would have a very detrimental affect to Public Service and our ARES Operations. *This is important; we must nip it in the bud. Please act on this.*

Canwarn the Environment Canada affiliation with Radio Amateurs across Canada will be holding more training sessions in Ontario this April and May. If you are interested in becoming a severe weather spotter please contact John, Canwarn Co-Coordinator, VE3JMS at [jsacek@deltasurvey.com](mailto:jsacek@deltasurvey.com)

Also don't forget the Ontario QSO Party is from 1800Z April 19 to 0500Z April 20 and 1200 to 1800Z on April 20.

I plan to be attending the Regional Directors meeting from May 1st to May 4th. I will probably be listening for activity on repeaters in Ottawa and Cornwall. I hope to be able to talk and meet a few of you in that area.

I had several other topics I wanted to talk about but the issue of cell phones took priority. Next month I hope to suggest several reasons why a RAC Membership is a good investment. Or even if you are not a member there are some suggestions what RAC can do for your local Amateur Radio Club.

If you have any suggestions, questions or concerns please email me at [ve3xt@rac.ca](mailto:ve3xt@rac.ca).

The meeting came to order at 1950 hours, VE3XT presiding. Another LARC first, we were the first "occupants" to use the new chairs at the college.

The Treasurers report was read and accepted as moved by VA3EAP and seconded by VA3PDC.

Old Business

Re: Sibley Ski Tour. The volunteers were thanked and it was moved by VE3BHN and seconded by VE3VAI that the LARC purchase or provide a suitable VHF antenna for installation at Sleeping Giant Provincial Park, primarily to be used for the Sibley Ski Tour. The motion was carried.

Repeaters

VE3INI reports that all are ok.

Annual Dinner

Many thanks for VE3RVA for organizing the annual dinner for the past several years. His devotion to the task is sincerely appreciated.

75TH Anniversary Planning

Old HI-Q's are being scanned in a CD. VE3XT is looking for ideas for celebration of our 75th.

Web Page Design

VE3XT is looking for those interested in a session on web page design. There seems to be some interest so one will be planned.

Anderson Power Connectors - still some left.

A roundtable was held

50/50 draw was won by VE3INI

Adjournment moved by VA3EAP, seconded by VE3KRH, carried

VE3EFC demonstrated some novel CW keys.



*More Scenes from Sibley Ski Tour*

The intrepid Bob VE3RVA making sure the ski racers are heading in the right direction



Pat VA3PP (L) and Marion VE3MJN (R) keeping things in line. Pat, sporting a pair of really spiffy sunglasses, is responsible for sending in these great pics.

**UPCOMING CANWARN  
TRAINING**

We have some information from Geoff Coulson, Warning Preparedness Meteorologist, Environment Canada

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, May 13, 14, 15 -  
Training in Kenora, Dryden and Thunder Bay -  
exact date/time/venues to be announced



And at the other end of the temperature spectrum, Leo VE3ATC, on vacation in Florida sends in this unique photo of a night time space shuttle launch.

**The Ontario QSO party is this month from  
1800Z April 18 to 0500Z April 20.**

**The link is  
<http://cco.ve3xd.com/oqp/>**

I have 2 complete Spectra mobile units for sale with all cables and brackets.  
 Bought them during the club buy but now have no use for them, was a good idea at the time.  
 If interested let me know.  
 They were programmed but may need to be changed for your needs.  
 Asking 100.00 kcs for both units if interested.

Fred  
 VE3FAL

Gang:  
 I have a Radio shack WX200 weather station for sale. This is not wireless but has port for computer to download information, I also have an adaptor for it instead of batteries.  
 Originally around \$250-\$300 mark, like brand new, no original box, have manual.  
<http://www.shed.com/tutor/wx200.html>  
 Please contact me directly if interested.  
[flesnick@tbaytel.net](mailto:flesnick@tbaytel.net)

Fred  
 VE3FAL

<http://www.dps.state.mn.us/bca/Invest/Documents/Page-02-003.html#individual>

This site informed me that you need a permit to monitor law enforcement agencies in the state of Minn. Exceptions are law enforcement officers and amateur radio operators. It is an interesting read.

Randy

Fred  
 VE3FAL

<http://spiritofknoxville.com/>

Balloon flight from North America to Europe

#### LOGBOOK OF VE3FAL

DATE/TIME(Z) CALLSIGN RPT (S) RPT ® FREQ. MODE PWR

2/27/08

21:39:00 KM4VX 589 449 10.112 CW 5w Ron, North Carolina SKCC#3663

3/13/08

18:31:00 KK3Q 599 599 10.140 PSK 25w Floyd, Orlando Florida

3/14/08

20:37:00 W4INF 599 559 10.140 PSK 25w Andrew, Roanoke Virginia

3/23/08

02:12:00 W5KAM 579 599 10.140 PSK 25w Ken, Hockley Texas 80 degrees F

02:56:00 N5ZTW 559 559 10.140 PSK 25w Bill, Dripping Springs, TX

3/25/08

21:11:00 KB3KVA 569 589 10.140 PSK 20w James, Frederick Maryland

3/26/08

18:54:00 WA2LVF 579 599 10.140 PSK 20w Ron, Dexter Missouri W5GI mystery antenna

19:56:00 K8NRD 569 599 10.140 PSK 20w Nate, Wooster OHIO

03/28/08

15:12:00 N9BUB 559 569 10.140 PSK 20w Dave, Bedford INDIANA (last qso 12/09/04)

19:35:00 W0JB 559 589 10.140 PSK 20w Jack, Holiday Island ARKANSAS

03/29/08

17:00:00 WA9AQQ 559 579 10.140 PSK 20w Bill, Hot Springs ARKANSAS EM34lo

20:21:00 K4OP 579 599 10.140 PSK 20w John, KY 070#514, EPC#1559, DMC#380, 30MDG#543

20:36:00 VE3NOO 559 599 10.140 PSK 30w Michael, Sandhurst Ontario EPC#1686, 30MDG#0080

4/4/08

00:30:00 W3FAF 589 559 3.568 CW 5w Minnesota Traffic Net, John Mahtomedi, MN

# April 2008

<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b> <i>Coffee Time! Boston Pizza on Arthur</i>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>Sun</b>
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <b>LARC CLUB MEETING</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <b>11th Annual Ontario QSO Party starts 1800Zulu</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>		<b>Contest calendar available at <a href="http://www.sk3bg.se/contest/">www.sk3bg.se/contest/</a></b>		<b>Canwarn training coming up in May</b>